

REMARKS***Summary of the Amendment***

Upon entry of the above amendment, claim 22 will have been amended and claim 21 will have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1 – 20 and 22 currently remain pending.

Summary of the Office Action

In the instant Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to show each recited feature of the invention. Further, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1 – 13 and 15 – 20 are allowed and that claim 22 would be allowable if presented in independent form to include the features of its base claim. Applicants further note that claim 14 has been rejected based upon formal matters and that claim 21 has been rejected over the art of record. Accordingly, by the present amendment and remarks, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome, and respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application.

Acknowledgement of Allowable Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 1 – 13 and 15 – 20 have been allowed. Moreover, Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claim 22 would be allowable if presented in independent form to include all of the features of independent claim 21.

By the present amendment, claim 22 has been presented in independent and allowable form and independent claim 21 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Acknowledgement of Telephone Conversation with Examiner Meislin

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesy extended to the undersigned in their

telephone conversation discussing the instant application. With regard to the drawings, the Examiner indicated that, if the features identified in the objected claims were indicated as being conventional, the features would not require illustration and the drawing objection would be overcome. By the present amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to clarify that the displays, alarms, and sensors are conventional and their use in handheld tools is conventionally known. Moreover, Applicants have indicated that the wireless power supply and tool handle are of conventional construction, such that illustration is not necessary.

Traversal of Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Applicants traverse the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 3,369,421 to Richard SHORT, which discloses a flat transmission device, which Applicants have referred to as a "flat output device."

Thus, Applicants submit that the recited flat output device is likewise conventionally known, as per the above-identified patent, and that one ordinarily skilled in the art would readily understand the manner in which such a device would be coupled and operated utilizing the handheld wrench of the instant invention.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 14 is now fully in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and indicate that this claim is fully in compliance with the statute.

Objection to the Drawings is Moot

As discussed above with reference to the telephone conversation with the Examiner,

Applicants submit that drawings are not necessary to illustrate conventional devices and are not necessary to show a conventional arrangement.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) and indicate that the drawings are acceptable.

In the event the Examiner decides that, while conventional, the feature should be illustrated, the Examiner is invited to review the drawings forwarded in Applicants' unentered March 14, 2005 to determine whether these drawings would be acceptable.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is Moot

Applicants submit that, by the instant amendment, the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by LORD et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,974,475) [hereinafter "LORD"] or ANDERSON et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,993,288) [hereinafter "ANDERSON"] is moot.

By the present amendment, Applicants have canceled claim 21 without prejudice or disclaimer, such that the instant rejection is moot.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and indicate that these claims are allowable over the art of record.

Application is Allowable

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that each and every pending claim of the present invention meets the requirements for patentability under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and respectfully request the Examiner to indicate allowance of each and every pending claim of the present invention.

Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

The undersigned authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, including any extensions of time fees required to place the application in condition for allowance by Examiner's Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 19 - 0089 in order to maintain pendency of this application.

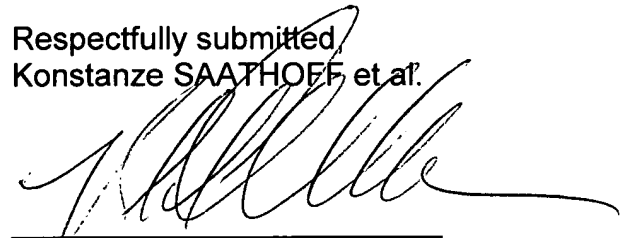
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that each of claims 1 – 20 and 22 are allowable. In particular, the claims have been amended to eliminate any arguable basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and each claim is patentable over the art of record.

Further, any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,
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